



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Ms. Cheryl Jouett, Administrator
Madison County Community Development
130 Hillsboro
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April 26, 2001

Dear Ms. Jouett:

On behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), I write this letter in support of the Madison County's Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program, and the efforts by the Madison County Community Development agency to seek grant moneys to continue their endeavors. The U.S. EPA has been extremely pleased with the outcome of Madison County's Program in the field of lead-based paint hazard remediation. I am especially supportive of the efforts by the Madison County Community Development agency to seek grant money to undertake lead-based paint hazard control in the residences which have been contaminated by the former smelter at the NL/ Taracorp Superfund site. U.S. EPA believes the multi-agency collaboration is sound, and the pooling of resources is an efficient approach. To this end, U.S. EPA's decisional documents and Consent Decree embody this approach.

The Consent Decree for the NL Superfund Site will soon be entered and become legally binding. As a part of that Consent Decree, Madison County will receive \$2 million funding to use for its lead paint abatement project at the residential areas which are a part of the Site. U.S. EPA allowed this project to be used by the responsible parties as a Supplemental Environmental Project in lieu of a penalty. The Consent Decree is the legal document that embodies the remedy selected by U.S. EPA and which required among other things soil remediation at contaminated properties. The decisional document also stated that additional measures will be taken beyond soil remediation to assure that the selected remedy is protective. These additional measures include continuing to work with the other agencies to address interior and exterior lead-based paint at residences where soil remediation is required.

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In conclusion, U.S. EPA is impressed by the County's current lead program which continues to make great strides towards the elimination of childhood lead poisoning and has accomplished extensive lead hazard awareness on behalf of children living in that area. We are enthusiastic about this project and look forward to continued collaboration as we work to eliminate lead-based paint hazards in Illinois.

U.S. EPA will continue to assist in any way that we can. If I can provide you with further information, please call me at (312) 886-4745.

Sincerely,


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